

300 WAR ORPHANS ADOPTED BY A.E.F.; BALLOONS NOW IN

Third Line Trench Carried
with 39 Orders in
Past Week

NAVAL AIRMEN REGISTER

"Scheme Nearly Knocked Them
Cold," Is Report of Sky
Sailors

BAKERS ON PARRAINS' LIST

Fine Observation by Flyers Big
Factor in Boosting Figure—God-
mothers Are Heard from

TAKEN THIS WEEK

LT. F. A. W. and W. H. E.	1
Off. Staff, 2nd Bn., F. A.	1
Officers and Enlisted Men, Co. D.	1
Balloon Sq.	4
Company B., Balloon Sq.	4
Battery Co., No. 1, M.C.	1
Co. C., Balloon Sq.	1
Hq. Co., Balloon Sq.	1
Balloon Replacement Sq.	1
Co. D Club, Engrs., Ry.	1
Personnel, Office of Chief Q.M., H.Q.	1
S.O.S.	1
Officers of the Artillery	1
Co. A., M.G. Bn.	1
LT., S.C.	1
Roselle S. Wilson, Y.M.C.A.	1
Co. A., Inf.	1
Unit No., Graves Registration Service	1
U.S. Naval Air Station	8
Joy and Claire Gerbaulet	1
Field and Staff Officers, Engrs., Ry.	1
Company G., Balloon Sq.	2
Ros. and Insp. Div., S.C.	1
Co. B., U.S. Engrs.	1
J. R. R. (Miss fund)	1
Previously adopted	261
Total	300

This was balloon week in the adoption of French war orphans under THE STARS AND STRIPES plan.

The visibility improved suddenly early in the week and continued good for so long that no less than six units of balloon men were able to observe the opportunity to enlist enthusiastic human little mascots and smooth out the wrinkles in their troubled lives for a year. And the aeromats did such helpful work—directing the fire as it were—that the A.E.F. went right about and captured the third line trenches. The total reached the 300 mark.

Company D., Balloon Squadron, spotted four orphans at once, and immediately telephoned down to the ground, beating out by two hours Company B., Balloon Squadron, who came down in a parachute for a like number. Company C., Balloon Squadron, went third to pick up and locate the proposition and order three, and this was followed by three other squadrons taking four orphans, making a total of 15 for the balloon men for the week.

Not a Bad Second, Either
Second to the aeromats—and not a bad second at that—ran the naval aviators. The Navy flyers got right up in the air, too, and spotted eight in a group, which were adopted by various units of a certain naval air station.

"The scheme nearly knocked them cold," wrote the flyers of the air. "Interest in French orphans went sky high, and I think it advisable to try and create a permanent fund at this station."

"It might be interesting to you to know that we had the 560 francs we originally started out to get within two hours, and that after we had exceeded this and passed the 2,000 franc mark, a collection was taken in a box which amounted to 556 francs. When we finished, we had half a bushel of money containing coins from 13 different nations and one 100 franc note. This 556 francs was taken up in less than ten minutes."

"We would like to have several questions answered," continued the airmen. "Some of these are: 'What unit of the A.E.F. holds the record for single contributions, etc.' 'Are there more boys than girls waiting to be adopted?' 'Is it true that there are very few French children that have red hair?' 'Can an orphan be sent to the United States?'"

The Record Holders
For the benefit of all concerned, it may be said that an Ohio regiment last week adopted 54 orphans, which is the regimental record. Two companies of the same regiment adopted five children each, which is the high mark for companies. One Aero Squadron has five children, and others have four. And then we have the two balloon squadrons this week with four each.

As to the other questions, The available children are about equally divided between boys and girls, but girls have been more asked for, and the Red Cross committee in charge of selecting the children has been favoring the boys in filling most of the requests sent in which mention no choice. There are no red-headed children in France—not real red, anyhow.

The present French law on legal adoption is so rigid that actual adoption of war orphans by members of the A.E.F. is practically impossible. At the termination of the war it may be changed, but it is apparent that France will need her children, particularly her boys, and it is doubtful if they will be permitted to leave. The plan of THE STARS AND STRIPES aims merely to help these needy children temporarily over a very critical period in their lives.

Bakers Come In, Too
The Bakers—we had forgotten the Bakers a couple of weeks ago when we announced that all branches of the A.E.F. were represented in the list of parrains, so much so we take our daily bread for granted—came in in an adoption this week. The Graves Registration Service also became represented among the A.E.F.'s parrains, Unit No. — taking one child.

"We feel proud of the fact that we are able to be of some assistance to one of these worthy children," said the Bakers. "We heartily approve of the interest you have taken in so worthy a cause."

"OLD KIP"

Oh, they ain't long on the highbrow in this Yankee gang of ours.
And they don't read Walter Pater in their precious leisure hours.
But they do like simple soldiers' songs, a-full of pep and zip—
And the guy what's wrote the best of 'em is Mister Rudyard Kipling!

So, it's good old cheery Kip—(you will pardon us our lip—
But we like your stuff so mighty well formally we'll skip)—
You have lightened many a load with your poems of camp and road,
And you've kept us grinning cheery 'neath the Top's or Skipper's goad!

We get thrilled on "Danny Deever," and, before we hit the hay,
There's a chorus round the fire singing "Road to Mandalay!"
When we're feelin' sentimental, there's that "Mother" thing o' yours
That just lifts us out o' France back to our own Atlantic shores!

We have felt like little Mowgli—oh, a lot o' times this year!—
All so helpless in the jungle, but your song has brought us cheer:
For when shells is bustin' round us, and it's mighty hard to grin,
We can gather heart and courage from the tale o' Gunga Din!

Though we cannot say of Fritz what you said of Fuzzy Wuzzu,
We can bear with him as patient like us Mr. Job of Uz,
If we only have a volume of a tattered sort of scrip,
Filled from title-page to back-page with the dittie of Old Kip!

So, it's good old sunny Kip—(you might call us kind o' flip
For addressin' you familiar-like—but you don't care a rip.)—
To your arm more power be; and when this here scrap's "over,"
We will bless the name of Kipling through all North America!

A PROUD PARRAIN



D.S.G. AWARDS

Distinguished Service Crosses have been awarded to the following members of the A.E.F. for gallantry in action:

MAJOR ALEXANDER RASMUSSEN, Inf., U.S.A. (Posthumous).

SERGEANT GRAY E. SWINGLE, U.S. Eng. (Posthumous).

CORPORAL THOMAS A. CARROLL, Inf.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LESLIE M. LANE, Inf.

PRIVATE OSCAR GRIFFITH, Medical Dept. (Posthumous).

PRIVATE FRANK J. GOLDCAMP, U.S. Eng.

To Captain Charles J. Biddle, A.S., S.C., U.S.A., and to Privates First Class Mark V. Brennan, Edward A. G. Wylie, Harold E. Purdy and John O'Malley Dale, the Commander-in-Chief has written letters of commendation. General Pershing's words to the four enlisted men were:

"I have heard with great pleasure of your fine conduct. The soldierly qualities exhibited by you on this occasion are admired throughout the command."

HUN AVIATOR'S CAP SENT TO PRESIDENT

Former Washington Policeman Finds Nippers Useful in War

Within about a week from now there will be presented to President Wilson a German aviator's cap, together with a number of his shoulder straps—just a reminder to the President, that Captain Philip Browne, M.C., N.A., formerly of the Washington Police Force, hasn't forgotten the days when he used to help protect the President from cranks and crooks.

Captain Browne, who has strayed far from his original precinct, came upon a German aviator who had landed with intent to trespass in a field of good French wheatfield, took him prisoner, got him away from an enraged crowd of French civilians, and turned him over to the French authorities encased in a real old-fashioned pair of American police handcuffs. And the French authorities, in return for the gift, decided that the souvenirs for the President were quite in order.

The way it happened was this: Shortly after noon on June 7 the alerte was sounded to note the approach of hostile airplanes. One was seen far up in the clouds, and was immediately pursued by two French planes. After about half an hour the German was forced out into the open and into the barrage of the French anti-aircraft guns.

The Boche machine—a Fokker tri-plane—was hit, but after a long fall the aviator regained control of it, and proceeded to attempt to land. Captain Browne, who had been a witness of the air-battle, jumped into an automobile with several French officers, and hastened toward the spot where it seemed that the Fokker would land. Down it came plump in the middle of a wheatfield. Covering the German with his revolver, Captain Browne advanced. The aviator, standing coolly at attention, surrendered to the American, and was about the most surprised man in the world when he saw his captor produce the handcuffs. He didn't know that he had run into a professional capturer, but that is just what had happened to him.

FIRE BUFFS GET CHANCE
[BY CARLETO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
AMERICA, June 20.—Here's a chance for the "Buffs," the fire-finders, the would-be Boys-That-Fight-The-Flames, whose name in any big city is Legion.

New York is going to enroll 4,000 volunteer firemen, to make up for the shortage caused by the departure of many regular firemen for the work of mounting the ladder and putting the hooks into the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs.

Already more than 1,000 amateur smoke-eaters have volunteered to fill the gaps caused by draft and enlistments in the ranks of Pa "Knickerbocker's" save-much-cheese-ers—going to show that love for the great American sport of running with the old engine is not dead yet.

NO HOME WORRIES IS IDEA OF LATEST RED CROSS BUREAU

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cattle, horses, no debts, family good health."

Allotments Cause Worries
But the bulk of the cases arise from soldiers who are worried because months have gone by without their hearing from home at all and from those who have made allotments and have reason to believe that the families are not yet receiving the checks from Washington.

In the latter cases, the Red Cross starts a still hunt for the stray allotment form and in the meanwhile tips off the local committee in the home town of the soldier that a little direct help with the landlord and the grocer or a straight cash loan might be acceptable till the regular funds begin to arrive.

Occasionally, the query arises, not here but back home, and it becomes the business of the Home Service to remind such and such a soldier that, whereas there is no law to make him do it, an allotment in favor of his grandmother would be very welcome. Then, too, there is an occasional officer to prod, for the compulsory allotment law does not apply to officers, and now and then a captain must be advised that his wife and children are in need.

Long Busy in America
A million men could not suddenly pull up stakes and go off to war without leaving a good many family affairs at loose ends, and the Home Service of the Red Cross in camps back in America had 70,000 cases to settle in six months.

These cases have been of every variety, and in their documents you may read countless comedies and tragedies, stories of love and sacrifice and stupidity and villainy. Sometimes a check will answer the question raised. Sometimes swift and delicate action is called for—as in the case of the soldier who, at an embarkation camp in America, was dashed by telegrams from his mother and brother reporting scandal of his wife and bidding him take immediate steps to divorce her.

That called for instant action, and before he sailed, the workers of the Home Service were able to prove to him that what he had suspected was true—the telegrams had been part of a plot against his wife when he was no longer there to protect her.

You ought not to worry about anything else in this world except Germans. It is the business of the Red Cross to see that you don't worry about things back home if they can help it. Whatever the need in your case, they will try to meet it, by mail if possible, by cable if necessary. Ship your worries to the Home Service.

And everything you tell them will be guarded as confidential.

DULL DAYS ALONG COAST

[BY CARLETO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]
AMERICA, June 20.—Except for the darkening of the electric light signs, New York City hardly thinks of submarines. One week seems to be the city's limit for getting exercised over little things like that.

Coney Island and the New Jersey seaside resorts have been so far from the Kaiser has bothered them enough, and are wiggling for permission to light up again. Potsdam can't scare the American frankfurter, even though the animal was of probable German nationality.

FORD CANDIDACY SOLE RIPPLE IN SEA OF POLITICS

Democratic and Republican
Warhorses Don't
Know What to Do

SUMMER SURE TO BE ACTIVE

Col. Roosevelt Will Not Take Sides
in Fight for New York
Governorship

By J. W. MULLER
American Staff Correspondent of THE STARS AND STRIPES.

AMERICA, June 20.—A chaste peace prevailed on all this front during the past week, as if the whole country were at Sunday School. Nobody slammed anybody else. Nobody brought charges of strictly fresh advice to Washington. Nobody proclaimed definitely that the country was going to the dogs.

The only occurrence making even a ripple of excitement was the acceptance by Henry Ford of the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate from Michigan. His nomination has produced a flood of controversy more interesting for its ingenuity and its complexity than for its illumination.

Good old Democratic war horses plaintively denounce Ford as a Republican. Republican warhorses, who don't want him to get the Republican nomination, too, declare he is a mighty poor Republican. Meanwhile, a quiet movement aims at fusion, and if Ford does not get the Republican nomination, it is expected that he will get a second nomination anyway from some non-partisan independent organization.

Many Feroocious Skirmishes
Political advance patrols on both sides have already had ferocious skirmishes and people who hate a quiet life anticipate a delightful summer. The perturbation of the Michigan Republicans shows graphically how utterly the good old political trench system has been eliminated in favor of a war of movement. A few years ago, a Republican nomination in Michigan was equivalent to election.

The political genius displayed in picking Ford for the Democratic nomination is universally admitted. It creates conditions which split the State wide open and probably affects other State situations sympathetically.

New York's governorship fight is becoming serious on the Republican side, with the Democrats hold back and keep their candidates under excellent camouflage. Governor Whitman and Attorney General Morton E. Lewis are the chief Republican candidates, and so far their chances are about even to the ordinary eye.

Col. Roosevelt, returning from the West, has issued a formal statement that he will take no part on either side in this governorship contest. His declaration of strict neutrality is particularly interesting to the politicians because the Colonel's nephew is managing the Lewis campaign.

HOW ABOUT CHECKERS?

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OLD ROMANCE WAKES FOR SALVAGE SARGE

Search Among Clothes of
Wounded Man Reveals
Ancient History

"Funny thing," began a sergeant of a certain salvage unit near the front. "The things you'll run into when you're sorting over this junk."

"Look at this pile of wounded guys' clothes, sent up from the field hospital. It was in just such a pile as that that I got one of the surprises of my life. 'I was poking it over to see how much of it could be saved and how much could be scrapped, when out of a pocket rolled a picture, the picture of a girl. Well, I'm human, and I picked it up to look at it. And I'm a son-of-a-gun if it wasn't a girl I used to go with steady some ten years ago!'"

"Seeing I was on the scent, and to make sure, I picked up the blouse and looked in the pockets. I found another picture, and on it the information that she was a Mrs. Somebody or other now, and that the guy who'd been wounded was the Mr. of the family."

"Well, I picked out the two pictures, got the fellow's address from a letter in his pocket, and went on working. But as soon as I can get anything like time off from this junkman's job, I'm going to try and bum a ride down to the hospital and see if he wants anything done for him. He must have been a pretty decent sort of a fellow, wouldn't have married him. . . . Yes, she thought pretty well of me; oh, I hate myself, I do!"

"All the same, doesn't it beat the devil? I hadn't heard from her in a good eight years—no news of any kind—and then the first bit of info I get is from her picture in the middle of a pile of torn up O.D. and scrapped guns 'way up in the north of France! 'It's a funny little old world, now isn't it?'"

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